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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53**

December 6, 2005 - Offered by Senators HANSEN, DECKER, BRESKE, JAUCH,  
ERPENBACH, LASSA and ROBSON.

1 **Relating to:** providing that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall  
2 be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state (first consideration).

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2005 legislature on first consideration, provides that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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3 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 13 of article XIII of the constitution is created to read:

5 [Article XIII] Section 13. Only a marriage between one man and one woman  
6 shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state.

7 **SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision.** The new section 13 of article XIII  
8 of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated by the next  
9 higher open whole section number in that article if, before the ratification by the

1 people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, any other ratified  
2 amendment has created a section 13 of article XIII of the constitution of this state.  
3 If one or more joint resolutions create a section 13 of article XIII simultaneously with  
4 the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the  
5 sections created shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the sections  
6 created by the joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number  
7 have the numbers designated in that joint resolution and the sections created by the  
8 other joint resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the  
9 numbers of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the sections.

10 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the  
11 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3  
12 months previous to the time of holding such election.

13 (END)